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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 4

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please consider the
following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002, Claims 25-30 were rejected. Claims
25-30 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102 and 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C
§102 as being anticipated by Long III et al. On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner
rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C § 103 as being unpatentable over Long III et al. in view of
Yano et al.